



Utah Youth Summit

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Monthly update  
to the Youth  
Action Council  
and Youth  
Service Teams

## THE YACKITY-YAC

### ARRANGING WORKSHOPS & SPEAKERS FOR YOUR SUMMIT

Here are a few things to consider as you begin planning workshops and arranging speakers for your regional youth summits.

#### Brainstorm topics of interest

Keep in mind the theme of your conference and what your goals are. What will your participants be interested in learning? Remember to focus on at least one of the following key topics: youth adult partnerships, principles of effective service or youth leadership.

#### Identify potential speakers

Brainstorm a list of possible speakers. Your list might include teachers, community leaders, local celebrities or motivational speakers. Keep in mind that the State 4-H office and the Utah Commission on Volunteers can offer assistance in finding speakers in your area.

#### Contacting speakers

Once you have identified a potential speaker and the topic you would like them to address, you need to contact them. Depending on your relationship with the individual, an in-person invitation, letter, phone call, or email may be appropriate. Clearly explain to them the purpose of the event, who their audience will be, and what topic you would like them to focus on. You'll also want to give them the date and time of the event. Here is an example of what you might say when first contacting a potential speaker:

*"Hello, my name is Sally Jones and I am a youth volunteer. In partnership with Utah's Promise and Utah State 4-H, a committee of youth and adults and myself are planning a summit for high school youth in the Salt Lake Region. The summit is designed to provide youth with leadership life skills that encourage a commitment to life long service. We were wondering if you would be available to present a 60-minute workshop on the topic of youth adult partnerships. Your workshop would be scheduled during the morning of May 22."*

#### Workshop details

After you have confirmed your speaker's availability and willingness to present, you still have a few more details to confirm, such as the presenter's biographical information, session description, and audio visual needs. The easiest way to do this is by having the speakers submit to you a form similar to the one below.

#### Show your thanks

Don't forget to thank your speakers. Some thank you ideas include flowers, baked goods, books, or personalized thank you notes.

#### UTAH YOUTH SUMMIT SPEAKER/PRESENTER INFORMATION SHEET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

WORKSHOP/PRESENTATION TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

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SHORT PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### TECHNOLOGY NEEDS - PLEASE DESIGNATE

OVERHEAD PROJECTOR

LAPTOP COMPUTER

LCD PROJECTOR

SCREEN

VCR/TV

OTHER

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/REQUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Service Around Utah

Logan's Promise Youth and Stand for Decency (Logan) - Kimberly and Teisha spent a day volunteering at a soup kitchen in SLC in early December, while Nathan and Brad have been helping scouts earn their Eagle Scout Awards. In addition, SFD helped children to receive Christmas by giving them care packages with living essentials. A committee meeting was scheduled for Jan. 9, 2004 to plan out the next six months regarding their youth summit.

Festival of Service (Beaver) - Clarissa reports, "For December we attended the Festival of Trees in Salt Lake City and served as hostesses for the opening night. We helped with the auctioning and were each assigned a row of trees. We were there for the opening ceremony and learned of the service others have done with the Festival of Trees program. We also held a Christmas party for the geriatrics at our local hospital. We presented a program with piano solos, poetry, Christmas stories and Christmas carols. Each of the residents was given a

Christmas Candy Pocket we had made for them. We then served cookies and punch and visited with the older people."

Team SAVY (Monticello) - In December, SAVY completed Angel in a Bag and they are now getting started on planning their summit.

Team YES (Salt Lake City) - they have formed a great partnership with 4-H and are planning their regional summit in conjunction with the 4-H Leadermete conference held in April.

Team YVC (St. George) - Team YVC is very excited about their summit, with lots of great ideas. The Southern Regional summit, which involves a partnership between Festival of Service and Team YVC, is scheduled for April 23-24. They are aiming for 250 participants, aged 15-18. Funding is pretty much secured and they are lining up some great speakers. On another note, Team YVC is planning volunteer activities in order to get more involved as a group.

**"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."**

**-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

## **2004 Calendar of National Days of Service**

January 19, 2004 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

April 16-18, 2004 - National Youth Service Day

April 18-24, 2004 - National Volunteer Week

May 1, 2004 - Join Hands Day

September 11, 2004 - One Day's Pay

October 23, 2004 - Make a Difference Day

November 20, 2004 - National Family Volunteer Day

Do you have a question about your team's youth summit, or about youth service in general? Submit your questions and suggestions for future newsletters to Kristi at [yes@utahspromise.org](mailto:yes@utahspromise.org)

## Funding Opportunities

Join Hands Day is quickly approaching! On May 1, 2004, young people will join adults across the country to volunteer together to make their neighborhoods a better place.

To aid local organizations in mobilizing intergenerational volunteers, the Youth & Family Outreach department of the Points of Light Foundation through funding by Join Hands Day, is offering \$250-\$500 mini-grants to youth-led projects in support of the Day. The application deadline is **February 2, 2004**. Between 50 and 100 mini-grants will be awarded this year.

For more information visit [http://www.joinhandsday.org/scripts/migrants\\_index.cfm](http://www.joinhandsday.org/scripts/migrants_index.cfm), or contact Youth & Family Outreach at [youthandfamily@pointsoflight.org](mailto:youthandfamily@pointsoflight.org).

Youth Service America and AT&T are proud to present the AT&T CARES Youth Service Action Fund. The AT&T CARES Youth Service Action Fund supports young people as they improve their communities through service on National Youth Service Day, April 16-18, 2004.

Fifty-grants of \$500 each will be available to young people (ages 5-25) and organizations to implement service projects for National Youth Service Day, the largest service event in the world. To apply, simply follow the application guidelines and submit a complete application by **February 13, 2004**. Applications are available for download in WORD and PDF formats from our website at [www.YSA.org](http://www.YSA.org).

To learn more about National Youth Service Day and access project planning resources, please visit the National Youth Service Day website at [www.YSA.org/nysd](http://www.YSA.org/nysd).